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LOUISVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIREARMS CHARGES

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JOEY ANTOINE BISHOP**, age 35, of 1837 Bolling Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to possession of an unregistered firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The maximum potential penalties, are 120 months imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and three years supervised release.

Bishop admitted that on November 5, 2003, he knowingly possessed a New England 20 gauge shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and that at the time of possession, he was prohibited from possession of any firearm by virtue of a prior conviction for armed robbery in Crown Point, Indiana.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Larry Fentress and investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The plea was entered before Judge Jennifer B. Coffman, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky. Judge Coffman has ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing should be scheduled in approximately eight to ten weeks.

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